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North Hamgyŏng Provincial Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs

1. [] the North Hamgyŏng Provincial Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MLA) was in Ch'ŏngsong-ni (N 41-47, E 129-48) (EB-6626), Ch'ŏngjin, at EB-676261. A one-story building, with a red tile roof and concrete walls, was used as an office. Immediately in front of this building was a two-story building with a red tile roof and concrete walls. These two buildings were on the crest of a mountain and were formerly the home of a wealthy man. East of the buildings was a stairway leading down the mountain. Ten meters north of the foot of the stairway were three air raid tunnels, spaced five meters apart, which were connected inside. The office of the chief of the Bureau and the office of the staff members were located here. 25X1
2. In front of the tunnel entrances was a road 3.5 meters wide. Across the road from the tunnel entrances were the quarters of the security unit attached to the Bureau. An officer of the Bureau armed with a pistol, and three security unit members armed with PPSH's were on duty on the road in front of the tunnel entrances and the security unit's quarters. Pedestrians were allowed to pass along the road, but were not allowed to stop or pause at this point.

Construction Unit of the North Hamgyŏng Provincial MIA Bureau

3. [] the headquarters of the Construction Unit of the Bureau was at EB-679256 on Ch'ŏnma-san in Ch'ŏngjin. A factory was in a building with a tin roof and wooden walls. Ten meters southeast of this building were seven houses, former homes of railway employees during the Japanese occupation of Korea. These houses, spaced approximately 10 meters apart, had concrete walls. The most southeasterly house was used by the chief of the construction unit as his quarters, and the two houses closest to the chief's house were used as offices. The remaining four houses were used as a mess hall and as residences for the construction unit members. About 20 meters northeast of the quarters of the chief of the unit was a truck road four meters wide, southwest of which, at the base of a hill, were three entrances to an air raid tunnel used by the factory laborers. 25X1

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4. The factory of the construction unit was equipped with lathes, a welding machine, and a 50 kilowatt transformer which was buried underground. There were approximately 20 steel workers employed at the factory, and about 20 designing technicians and other workers in the office.¹ In the factory area about 50 laborers were usually working, although sometimes there were as many as 100 men in the area. These laborers were recruited for construction work and the repairing of roads and bridges in North Hamgyong Province. Approximately 200 meters northeast of the factory, at EB-681256, several trucks were hidden next to the ruined walls of a house. Mechanics went to this point to repair the trucks.
5. A security guard sent by the security unit of the Bureau was on duty at the road in front of the factory, armed with a Soviet PPSH. The southwest area of Ch'onma-san was a North Korean Army restricted area, off limits to the general public.

1. Comment. One of the technicians in the construction unit was MA Kwi-nam (7456/6311/3948)

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